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Viewing cable 06MANAGUA1780, ORTEGA IN CUBA, REAFFIRMING SOLIDARITY AND

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#06MANAGUA1780**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
06MANAGUA1780	2006-08-15 22:27	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Managua

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SUBJECT: ORTEGA IN CUBA, REAFFIRMING SOLIDARITY AND
COOPERATION

REF: HAVANA 15750

Classified By: Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli. Reasons 1.4 (B,D).

11. (C) FSLN Presidential candidate Daniel Ortega traveled to Cuba last week to express his "concern and solidarity" for Fidel Castro and "reaffirm cooperative efforts" with the Government of Cuba. Though it appears that Ortega did not actually meet with Castro (reftel), he used the opportunity to promote programs to benefit Nicaraguans and to campaign -- making frequent announcements from Cuba on 'Radio Ya,' a Sandinista-owned station managed by Ortega's son.

12. (C) Ortega has made plain in his public announcements that if he wins in November, he plans to reestablish the cooperative relationship and collective programs that Nicaragua enjoyed with the Cuban government in the 1980,s. Specifically discussed with Cuban officials were medical treatment, medical training, and scholarships for Nicaraguans. Ortega has also told the international press that Castro is active and making government decisions.

13. (SBU) FSLN founder and National Assembly Deputy Tomas Borge echoed Ortega's sentiments in an open letter to Fidel that was published in local newspapers over the weekend. He mentions several supporters of Castro and their continuing concern for his health. Borge writes that he will not celebrate his own birthday -- coincidentally the same as Castro's -- but instead attend the masses organized by thousands of Nicaraguans to pray for Castro's recovery. Borges' paean ends with the statement that Castro is beloved by millions and that his ideas will endure for centuries.

14. (C) COMMENT: While the other political parties have largely been quiet about Castro's illness, Ortega is attempting to use the situation to his advantage to proclaim his solidarity with Castro, emphasize his revolutionary heritage, and criticize the United States for interventionism. END COMMENT
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